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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 23-33 and 54-67 are pending. By this Amendment, claim 59-67 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter is added. Support for the claims can be found throughout the specification, including the original claims, and the drawings. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested

The Examiner is thanked for the indication that claims 23-33, 54, and 55 are allowed.

The Office Action rejected claims 59-67 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over Hayashi et al. (hereinafter "Hayashi"), U.S. Patent No. 6,086,790. Claims 59-67 have been canceled, and thus, this rejection is moot.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this,

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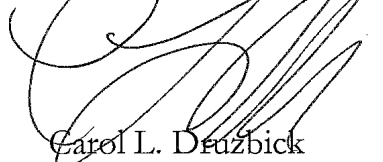
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concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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